UNITED
NATIONS

Convention to Combat
Desertification

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Note by the secretariat

1. Conference secretariat

2. Venue of the session

International Kongress Zentrum
Bundeshaus
Bonn 53113
Gorresstrasse 15
Germany
Telephone: + (49 228) 94 97 430
Fax No.: - (49 228) 94 97 431
E-mail: secretariat@unccd.int
Person to contact: Mr. Antonio Pires

3. Registration

Registration will start on Friday, 8 December 2000, from 1400 (2 p.m.) to 1800 hours (6 p.m.) and throughout the first week of the session according to a schedule to be provided by the secretariat. The Conference will open on Monday, 11 December 2000, with informal consultations being held in the morning and the official opening of the Conference will be at 1500 hours (3 p.m.) in the Plenary Hall. Identity badges will be issued at the time of registration and participants are requested to wear them at all times, since they will be allowed access to the Convention Centre only upon the presentation of their badges.

Details concerning the exact location of the registration counter for national delegations, specialized agencies and United Nations programmes, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations as well as for the media and staff of the United Nations, will be communicated to participants before the start of the Conference.

In addition to the Plenary Hall, a meeting room with simultaneous interpretation will be available during normal working hours. Other premises can be made available for informal meetings without interpretation, subject to arrangements being made with the secretariat. Working hours will normally be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

4. How to get to the International Congress Centre, Bundeshaus

(a) From the airport Cologne/Bonn

Cologne/Bonn international airport welcomes all participants. The airport is approximately 30 minutes from the centre of Bonn. Participants arriving from the Cologne/Bonn airport can take a taxi or bus to the Bonn city centre. Taxis are readily available; a one-way journey to the city costs between DM 60-70. The bus line 670 from the airport to Bonn's main railway station offers an economical and ecological alternative. The bus-stop is located in front of terminals A and B. The bus goes every 10 minutes during peak times, otherwise every 30 minutes. The price for a one-way ticket to Bonn is DM 9.90 and tickets can be bought from the driver or from the ticket machine.

(b) From the main railway station in Bonn

The International Congress Centre can be reached by underground *(U-Bahn)*, lines 16, 63 and 66, travelling in the direction of *Bad Godesberg, Bad Honnef* and *Koenigswinter*, respectively. In addition, bus line 610 to *Heiderhof* passes very close to the Bundeshaus. The tram stop nearest to the Centre is the *Heussallee, Bundeshaus*. There are signposts indicating the way to the *Bundeshaus* along Heussallee in the direction of the Rhine.

The city of Bonn has taken measures to provide participants with a special conference ticket that will enable the participants to use public transport for the duration of the Conference at a price of DM 30. The city of Bonn will have an information desk at the airport and railway stations, showing the UNCCD logo where participants will be able to purchase the special tickets and be able to

obtain other information. Additional information on practical arrangement taken to facilitate access to public transport by delegates to COP 4 will be announced during the Conference.

5. Hotel accommodation

Delegates who require assistance in making hotel reservations in Bonn may contact Tourism and Congress at the following address:

Tourism and Congress GmbH
Region Bonn/Rhein-Sieg/Ahrweiler
Adenauerallee 10
53113 Bonn
Tel.: + 49 228/ 91 93 30
Fax No.: + 49 228/ 910 91 11

Hotel reservations can also be made by the participants directly with the main hotels in Bonn (see annex) or on the Internet at www.bonn-congress.de, under Weiter, Service, Unterkünfte and also at www.bn-bonn.de, under die Region, Hotels.

6. Medical services

A medical service will be available at the Conference Centre for first aid in emergencies. In addition, the necessary arrangements for admission to hospital will be made if required. The UNCCD secretariat will be responsible only for facilitating access to a hospital.

7. Telephone and fax services

An office offering telephone and fax facilities on a commercial basis will remain open throughout the session at the Conference Centre for the convenience of delegates and other participants.

8. Restaurants

The Hotel Maritim will provide catering service at the International Congress Centre, Bundeshaus. In addition, a large number of restaurants in the vicinity of the Convention Centre offer high quality service at reasonable prices. Full details of a variety of services will be made available at the Conference Centre.

9. Banking services

Banking services will be provided at the Conference Centre. The opening hours will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

10. Immigration formalities and Customs regulations

The Government of Germany advises that immigration formalities will be facilitated in its embassies or consulates. Applications may be submitted, with reference to the Conference, to the nearest German embassy or consulate. Information on customs regulations in force in Germany may be obtained from any German embassy or consulate.

11. Accreditation

The credentials of representatives of Parties and the names of alternate representatives and advisers must be communicated to the secretariat either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs. To ensure full participation in the work of the Conference, it is recommended that

representatives of Parties should be provided with full powers to participate in the session and, if necessary, to serve as officers of the Conference of the Parties at its fourth session and any sessional committees or working groups, as well as to serve as officers of the subsidiary bodies established by the Convention.

Credentials must be submitted to the secretariat of the Convention. The Bureau of the Conference of the Parties at its fourth session will examine the credentials and report to the session. Observer States, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations must also be accredited.

It is strongly recommended that participants fax their accreditation in advance to the secretariat so as to facilitate their registration during the Conference:

Fax No.: + (49 228) 815 28 98
+ (49 228) 815 28 99

12. List of speakers

A list of speakers for the special segment as well as for other sessions of the plenary will be opened at a time and subject to conditions to be announced in the Journal of the Conference of the Parties.

13. Additional services available at the Conference Centre for participants

Participants in the Conference will be able to use the various facilities of the Convention Centre, namely, post office (stamps and letter boxes), bank, bar and snack services.

14. Meeting and exhibition facilities

A limited number of meeting facilities will be available to participants for presentations and informal meetings. Arrangements can be made through the secretariat on a first-come-first-served basis.

Participants wishing to make exhibits are invited to contact Mr. Antonio Pires at:

Tel: + (49 228) 815 28 08
Fax No.: + (49 228) 815 28 98/99
E-mail: apires@unccd.int

15. Press centre

An international press centre will be provided for accredited journalists. For information concerning accreditation, please contact:

Ms. Sonia Filippazzi
Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
Haus Carstanjen
Martin-Luther-King Strasse 8
D-53175 Bonn, Germany
Tel.: + (49 228) 815 28 07
Fax No.: + (49-228) 815 28 98/99
E-mail: sfilippazzi@unccd.int

or

Mr. Michael Williams
Information Unit on Conventions (UNC)
CP 356
CH-1219 Châtelaine, Geneva, Switzerland
Tel.: + (41 22) 979 92 42
Fax No.: + (41 22) 797 34 64
E-mail: michael.williams@unep.ch

16. Additional events

A special calendar of any additional parallel events that may be organized in Bonn will be published.

17 General information about Bonn

Flights: Some airlines have direct flights to Cologne/Bonn and have return book flights via Frankfurt, Dusseldorf or Munich.

Currency: Deutsche Mark. 1 Deutsch Mark = approximately US$ 0.60 (indicative rate)

Weather: During the month of December the average temperature in Bonn oscillates between 3 and 11 degrees Celsius. It is recommended to bring warm clothing and an umbrella. Detailed maps will be available next to the document distribution centre.

Electricity: 220 volts, 50 hertz

Local time: GMT + 1hr

Further information is available on the UNCCD home page (http://www.unccd.int).

Annex

Main hotels in Bonn: when making reservations directly please mention participation in COP 4.

Hotel addresses	Telephone	Fax	Single	Double
ACORA Westpreußenstr. 20-30 53119 Bonn	49-228/6684-0	49-229/662020	DM 115	DM 140
AIGNER Dorotheenstr. 12 53111 Bonn	49-228/634060	49-228/6340670	DM 99-150	DM 139-175
ALTES TREPPCHEN Brüdenlicherstr. 30B 53121 Bonn	49-228/625004	49-228/621264	DM 75-110	DM 135-175
AM ROONPLATZ Argelander Str. 91 53115 Bonn	49-228/911730	49-228/211334	DM 98-120	DM 130-155
AMBER HOTEL PRESIDENT Clemens-August Str.32-36 53115 Bonn	49-228/7250-0	49-228/7250-72	DM 129-179	DM 189-209
ASTORIA Hausdorffstr. 105-111 53129 Bonn	49-228/239507	49-228/230378	DM 135	DM 190
AUERBERG Kölnstr. 362 53117 Bonn	49-228/559930	49-229/672923	DM 95-115	DM 140-165
AVALON Breite Str. 98a 53111 Bonn	49-228/655057 655058	49-229/634941	DM 140	DM 220
BEETHOVEN Rheingasse 26 53113 Bonn	49-229/631411	49-228/691629	DM 110-165	DM 140-195
BERGMANN Kasernenstr. 13 53111 Bonn	49-228/633891	49-228/635057	DM 60-65	DM 95-110
BRISTOL Dunnewig Prinz-Albert-Str. 2 53113 Bonn	49-228/2698-0	49-228/2698-222	DM 170-199	DM 210-245
CONSUL Oxfordstr. 12-16 53111 Bonn	49-228/7292-0	49228/7292-255	DM 125-147	DM 175-212
CONTINENTAL Am Hauptbahnhof 2-4 53111 Bonn	49-228/635360	49-229/631190	DM 155-200	DM 220-300
DEUTSCHES HAUS Kasernenstr. 19-21 53111 Bonn	49-228/633777	49-228/659055	DM 70-100	DM 110-150
DOMICIL Thomas-Mann-Str. 24-26 53111 Bonn Breakfast 21 DM	49-228/729090	49-228/691207	DM 184-340	DM 250-370
EDEN-PRIVATHOTEL Bonn-City-Center Am Hofgarten 6 53113 Bonn	49-228/225075	49-228/225070	from DM 120	from DM 160
EUROPA Thomas-Mann-Str. 7 53111 Bonn	49-228/633063	49-229/695357	DM 110-125	DM 140
ESPLANADE Colmantstr. 47 53115 Bonn	49-228/98380-0	49228/98380-11	DM 140	DM 200

Hotel addresses	Telephone	Fax	Single	Double
GROSS Monngasse 17 53111 Bonn	49-228/63413-0	49228/65453-67	DM 115	DM 175
HAUS DAUFENBACH Brudergasse 6 53111 Bonn	49-228/637944	49-228/637945	DM 65-90	DM 100-140
HAUS HOFGARTEN Fritz-Tillmann-Str. 7 53113 Bonn	49-228/221612 221642	49-228/211960	DM 80-100	DM 125-150
HOLIDAY INN Berliner Freiheit 2 53111 Bonn	49-228/7269-0	49228/7265-700	DM 230	DM 260
JACOBS Bergstr. 85-87 53129 Bonn	49-228/232892	49-228/232895	DM 95-150	DM 140-220
KAISER KARL HOTEL Margaretenstr. 56 53119 Bonn	49-228/965577	49-228/8455777	DM 170-240	DM 270-420
KÖLNER HOF Kölnstr. 502 53117 Bonn	49-228/671601	49-228/671617	DM 90	DM 140
KÖNIGSHOF Adenauerallee 9 53111 Bonn	49-228/2601-0	49228/2602-624	DM 215	DM 280
KRUG Clemensstr. 15 53115 Bonn	49-228/225869	49-228/281084	DM 70-110	DM 120-160
KURFÜRSTENHOF Rechtschulallee 20 53115 Bonn	49-228/985050	49-228/632085	DM 140	DM 180
LÖHNDORF Brückenstr. 5 53119 Bonn	49228/855499	49228/635710	DM 75-120	DM 120
MERCEDES Maarflach 37a 53113 Bonn	49-228/225005	49-228/244412	DM 120-140	DM 140-180
MOZART Mozartstr. 2 53115 Bonn	49-228/459071 459074	49-228/459075	DM 70-120	DM 100-160
PASTIS Bertha-Allee 4 53111 Bonn	49-228/969427	49228/9694272?	DM 90-210	DM 140-165
RESIDENCE Dunnewig Kaiserplatz 11 53117 Bonn	49-228/2697-0	49228/2697-777	DM 160-190	DM 195-240
SAVOY Berliner Freiheit 7 53111 Bonn	49-228/725972	49-228/696889	DM 150	DM 190
SCHWAN Mozartstr. 24-26 53115 Bonn	49-228/963030	49-228/651793	DM 110-140	DM 160-200
STERNHOTEL, TOP-HOTEL Markt 8 53111 Bonn	49-228/7267-0	49-228/7267-123	DM 145-215	DM 215-295

Bonn-Bad Godesberg

Hotel addresses	Telephone	Fax	Single	Double
AMBASSADOR Bonner-Str. 29-31 53173 Bonn	49-228/38900	49-228/313315	DM 135	DM 179
AM HOHEN-ZOLLERNPLATZ Plittersdorfer Str. 56-58 53173 Bonn	49-228-95759-0	49228/95759-29	DM 124	DM 168
AM MARKTPLATZ Bürgerstr. 4 53173 Bonn	49-228/362756	49-228/359593	DM 130-150	DM 150-170
APPART-HOTEL BAD GODESBERG Schlehenweg 6 53177 Bonn	49-228/3290-0	49-228/3290-13	DM 155	DM 190
BURGBLICK Winterstr. 35a 53177 Bonn	49-228/95135-0	49228/95135-99	DM 160-170	DM 180-200
DAHL Heidebweg 9 53343 Wachtberg- Niederb.	49-228/341071	49-228/345001	DM 120	DM 180
DALLADAS Zeltenstr. 10 53175 Bonn	49-228/310766	49-228/314846	DM 80	DM 120-130
EDEN am Kurpark 5a 53177 Bonn Appartement	49-228/95727-0	49-228/362494	DM 140 appt. from DM 190	DM 140 appt from DM 190
FLORA Viktoriastr. 16 53173 Bonn	49-228/93571-0	49-228/352402	DM 129-259	DM 179-299
GÄSTEHAUS DIANA Drachenburgstr. 59-61 53179 Bonn	49-228/345161	49-228/345192	DM 85-99	DM 125-180
GÄSTEHAUS SCHOLZ Annastrasse 14 53175 Bonn	49-228/379363	49-228/379363	DM 60	DM 90
GASTHAUS DRACHENBURG Mainzer Str. 152 53179 Bonn	49-228/348159	49-228/958642	DM 65-85	DM 120
GÄSTEHAUS ANTON Spitzwegasse 33 53179 Bonn	49-228/342049	49228/342018	DM 80-90	DM 120-180
GODESBURG Auf dem Godesberg 5 53177 Bonn	49-228/314071	49228/311219	DM 140	DM 170
HAUS BERLIN Rheinallee 40 53173 Bonn	49-228/353175	49-228/361933	DM 100-140	DM 150-200
HAUS CHRISTEL Friesdorfer Str. 245 53175 Bonn	49-228/316210	-	DM 60-70	DM 90-120
HOF VON HOLLAND Turmstr. 5 53175 Bonn	49-228/354894	49-228/359014	DM 99	DM 145
INSEL HOTEL GMBH Theaterplatz 5-7 53177 Bonn	49-228/3500-0	49228/3500-333	DM 137-149	DM 189

Hotel addresses	Telephone	Fax	Single	Double
KRONPRINZEN Rheinallee 29 D-5173 Bonn	49-228/93552-0	49228/93552-49	DM 135-185	DM 149-249
LÖWEN, Zum Von-Groote-Platz 1 D-5173 Bonn	49-228/355951	49-228/358495	DM 110-149	DM 158-210
MARITIM HOTEL Godesberger Allee D-5175 Bonn	49-228/8108-0	49-228/8105-811	DM 222-241	DM 280-295
PATRICIA Mirbachstr. 2a D-5173 Bonn	49-228/83004-0	49-228/363015	DM 110-145	DM 145-190
REMI Bonner Str. 30 D-5173 Bonn	49-228/319954	49-228/313177	DM 80-105	DM 140-190
RHEINHOTEL DREESEN Rheinstr. 45-49 D-5170 Bonn	49-228/8202-0	49-228-8202-151	DM 130	DM 270
SALSCHEIDER Königsplatz 23 D-5173 Bonn	49-228/362895	49-228/359513	DM 90	DM 160-170
SEBASTIANUSHOF Waldburgstr. 34 D-5177 Bonn	49228/45114-0	49228/45114-50	DM 85-140	DM 150-270
VIKTORIA Viktoriastr. 33 D-5173 Bonn	49-228/625000	49-228/625005	DM 110-115	DM 160-180
ZUM ADLER Poppelsdorfer Str. 40 D-5173 Bonn	49-228/364271	49-228/351311	DM 95-140	DM 130-190
ZUM STERN Friedensburgstr. 69 D-5179 Bonn	49-228/348611	49-228/348631	DM 45	DM 95

Taxes included: 14 per cent.